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Via Email: 25197-46286646@requests.muckrock.com

Re: Freedom of Information Act and/or Privacy Act Request (#FO-16-0036)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am writing in response to your request for a status update of your pending request with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC). Your request is 7 of 119 pending request in our processing queue. OSC generally processed request on a first come first serve basis.

In reviewing your request for processing, I would like to discuss possible narrowing of your request. As you may or may not know at this point, in narrowing we are able to focus on specific records or areas you may be more specifically interested in; lowering the volume of records processing and review needs. This narrowing method increases the agency's ability to respond to a request in a timely and useful manner. In most cases, a change in track from Complex to Simple allows FOIA team members to process a request in a shorter amount of time, as there are fewer records for review and processing.

In this request, FO-16-0036, we have conducted a search for records, which if processed in its entirety will be over approx. 11,000 pages of records for review and processing. I would like to suggest narrowing the scope to the following:

Narrowing of Scope Description

- No narrowing of the scope description.

Narrowing of Time

- Instead of "2000 through 2015" - Narrow to "2013 through 2015"

The above is a suggestion, and you retain the right to have your FOIA request processed as it is without narrowing if you so please. You may also REPLY to this email with modification to the above or your own suggested narrowing of the scope. Please keep in mind that we cannot expand the scope of a request, this correspondence is just an attempt to provide you with options during this FOIA request process here at OSC. I hope you find this information well, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

If you have any questions, would otherwise like to discuss your request, or you require dispute resolution services, please feel free to contact Mahala Dar, OSC's Chief FOIA Officer and acting FOIA Public Liaison, at mdar@osc.gov or at (202) 804-7000. Please reference the above-noted tracking

number if you call or write. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer.[\[1\]](#)

With kind regards,

/s/

Tarik Ndongo
FOIA Team
Office of the Clerk

[\[1\]](#) You can reach OGIS by mail at Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, MD, 20740-6001; by email at ogis@nara.gov; by fax at 202-741-5769; or by telephone at 202-741-5770 or toll-free at 1-877-684-6448.